

Testimony Regarding

**HB 5307 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BOOMS FOR THE RETENTION
OF CERTAIN OILS OR PETROLEUM AND REVISING CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS.**

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Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of HB 5307 An Act Concerning the Use of Booms for the Retention of Certain Oils or Petroleum and Revising Certain Requirements for the Registration of Radioactive Materials.

The bill recognizes that mandating the containment of flammable liquids around tank vessels could create a greater risk of fire, explosive and inhalation hazard to first responders, dock workers, and vessel operators. I feel strongly that the containment of flammables facilitates the buildup of flammable vapors thus, reaching the lower explosive limit and allowing for the likelihood of ignition. My past experiences have proven that allowing the vapor to dissipate is a safer operation. This bill would eliminate the booming containment for liquids with a low flash point and would enhance supervision of liquid transfers greatly improving safety at our ports. New Haven has the most active port in New England for petroleum products. As the first responders that protect this port we at the New Haven Fire Department are pleased to see these important safety measures considered.

Moreover, the bill recognizes the registration requirements currently imposed upon Fire Departments to register chemical detection devices and reduces the registration mandate from annual to bi-annual and waiving our fees. This is welcome relief and will enable us to use those resources to fund more equipment to better protect our first responders.

Thank you for considering this bill and these two important concepts. I urge your support.